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1. SUMMARY: AT BARTON GROUP MEETING, MAY 31, DISCUSSION CENTERED PRIMARILY ON ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE OPERATION AND WORK OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE AND THE WORKING GROUPS. THE GROUP BRIEFLY DISCUSSED TACTICS FOR DEALING WITH THE IRAQI DRAFT RESOLUTION ON ISRAELI USE OF CBU'S AND US/ISRAELI MILITARY RELATIONSHIP (TEXT CONTAINED REF. A). THE GROUP WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON THE OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS ON CHAIRMANSHIP OF WORKING GROUPS (SEE REF B) AND OTHER RELATED QUESTIONS, SUCH AS SETTING A JUNE 12 DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS ON THE PROGRAM OF ACTION, RECEIVED A REPORT FROM THE WESTERN DRAFTING GROUP ON THE PROGRAM OF ACTION, AND A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE BARTON SUB-GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON MACHINERY. END SUMMARY.

2. NEW ZEALAND REP (TEMPLETON) BRIEFED THE BARTON GROUP ON THE RESULTS OF CONSULTATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS ON THE  
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ORGANIZATION OF WORK AND PROCEDURES FOR THE AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND THE WORKING GROUPS. HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT FORMAL AGREEMENT ON THE OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL THE FIRST MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE, JUNE 1. HE ALSO SAID THAT SETTING A DEADLINE OF JUNE 12 FOR SUBMISSION OF NEW PROPOSALS ON THE PROGRAM OF ACTION WAS BEING CONSIDERED

AND WOULD BE PROPOSED AT JUNE 1 MEETING. DETAILS OF INFORMAL AGREEMENT CONTAINED SEPTTEL.

3. TACTICS FOR DEALING WITH THE IRAQI DRAFT RESOLUTION ON ISRAELI USE OF CBU'S AND US/ISRAELI MILITARY RELATIONSHIP (TEXT CONTAINED REF A) WERE DISCUSSED BRIEFLY. FRG REP (PFEIFFER) SAID THAT MANY NON-ALIGNED DELEGATIONS OPPOSED THE IRAQI DRAFT RES AND COULD BE EXPECTED TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO GET THE IRAQI DEL TO DROP THE RES. CANADIAN DELOFF (SIMARD) SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT IRAQIS WERE CONSIDERING DROPPING THE RES BUT ATTEMPTING TO HAVE PORTIONS OF IT INCORPORATED IN THE PROGRAM OF ACTION OR DECLARATION. IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT THE GOAL WAS TO GET THE IRAQIS TO DROP THE ISSUE ENTIRELY BUT, FAILING THAT, TO AT LEAST AVOID HAVING IT INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM OF ACTION WHERE IT COULD OBSTRUCT AGREEMENT ON THE FINAL DOCUMENT.

4. UK DELOFF (KENYAN) REPORTED ON THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE WESTERN DRAFTING GROUP ON THE PROGRAM OF ACTION. HE SAID THAT IT WAS WIDELY FELT IN THE GROUP THAT IT WAS TIME FOR THE WEST TO BEGIN LETTING THE EE BLOC "TAKE SOME OF THE FLAK" ON POSITIONS WHICH WERE SIMILAR TO BOTH WESTERN AND AND EASTERN GROUPS BUT UNPOPULAR WITH THE NON-ALIGNED. HE SAID THAT NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT CONTINUED TO BE THE MAIN PROBLEM IN THE DRAFTING GROUP, ADDING THAT, IN THIS CONFIDENTIAL

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REGARD, THE GROUP WAS STILL "WAITING FOR THE US AND USSR TO GIVE SOME INDICATION OF MOVEMENT." ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUE, HE SAID THE GENERAL CONSENSUS OF THE GROUP WAS THAT THE WEST SHOULD BE HARDLINE ON THE ISSUE.

5. NORWEGIAN DELOFF (LINDSTROM) REPORTED THAT THE BARTON SUB-GROUP ON MACHINERY HAD MET MAY 30 BUT HAD NOT DISCUSSED THE SUBSTANCE OF ANY OF THE PROPOSALS NOR WESTERN LANGUAGE. HE SAID THAT THE GROUP WAS OF THE GENERAL VIEW THAT ACTUAL DRAFTING OF THE MACHINERY SECTION WOULD NOT REQUIRE MUCH TIME AND COULD BE LEFT UNTIL LATER IN THE SESSION. TIME WAS NECESSARY FOR CONSULTATIONS AMONG THE VARIOUS GROUPS TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE COMPROMISES, BEFORE DELEGATIONS BECAME LOCKED PUBLICLY INTO POSITIONS. IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT WORK IN THE WORKING GROUP ON MACHINERY SHOULD START WITH THE INTRODUCTION AND DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT, POSTPONING DRAFTING OF LANGUAGE ON MACHINERY UNTIL NEARER THE END.

6. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BARTON GROUP WILL BE MONDAY, JUNE 5. YOUNG

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